A Unique Fellowship in HIV Medicine in Los Angeles

In-depth training for primary care physicians to care for people living with HIV in underserved communities
The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS), the second largest municipal safety net system in the United States, is pleased to announce a unique HIV fellowship training program for physicians committed to improving primary care for people living with HIV in underserved communities. This program brings together the unique strengths of DHS, Keck School of Medicine of USC's AIDS Education Training Center, UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine's Southern California Clinical Leaders Program and ViiV Healthcare.

The purpose of this fellowship is to train physicians in the knowledge and skills necessary to provide expert HIV care, to be health systems leaders, and to be successful community partners in patient-centered and community-specific HIV interventions.

Goal of the Fellowship
For primary care physicians to become knowledgeable and have the necessary skills to provide comprehensive high-level, patient-centered HIV care, so that as providers they can develop community specific interventions, become systems leaders, and be successful community partners for the most vulnerable populations in HIV epidemics.

Certification and Loan Repayment
At completion of the first year, fellows will be eligible for specialist certification through the American Academy of HIV Medicine. At the completion of the program, fellows will be eligible for an academic loan repayment of up to $50,000 per year for 3 years if they continue to provide HIV-related care or service for underserved communities after the fellowship.

Applications
Applications are currently being accepted through November 15th, 2017. The fellowship program may accept up to four qualified candidates and begins on August 1, 2018. Ideal candidates are board-certified or board-eligible graduates of a residency program in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine or Medicine-Pediatrics with a strong interest in HIV medicine and an interest in building community programs to improve access to quality HIV care. An active California M.D. or D.O. license is required before beginning the program.

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact us for more information about the program and application procedures.

Additional information and application forms can also be found at: [http://www.lachivphfellowship.com](http://www.lachivphfellowship.com).
Fellowship Overview

Year One

Year one of the fellowship primarily provides in-depth clinical training in the medical management of persons living with HIV/AIDS at all stages of their disease, from initial diagnosis to advanced treatment of multidrug resistant viruses and opportunistic infections. Besides solidifying skills in the management of common co-morbidities in the setting of immune suppression in community and academic settings, fellows will also work with mentors to design and implement research projects that will seek to improve care on a community or system-wide level.

Clinical Rotations

- HIV Primary Care
- Communicable Disease/ Infectious Disease Clinic
- HIV Resistance Test Interpretation
- HIV Test Counseling
- Inpatient ID Service
- Colorectal Clinic
- Community HIV Clinics
- Correctional HIV Clinics
- Dermatology
- Emergency Department
- Hematology/Oncology
- Neuropsychology
- Neurology
- Palliative Care
- Pediatric & Adolescent
- Pulmonary Medicine
- OB/GYN
- STD Clinics
- Women's Health

Year Two

Year two of the fellowship enables fellows to spend approximately half of their time providing HIV and primary care within DHS's primary care settings and the other half participating in scholarly work through graduate coursework at UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and through completion of a research project that focuses on improving access to or quality of HIV care-- especially for underserved communities-- in a meaningful and sustainable way.

More questions? Contact us.

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The HIV Fellowship is based in and managed by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (LAC-DHS), the second largest municipal health system in the nation. Fellows in this program will be employed by LAC-DHS. Their mission is to ensure access to high-quality, patient-centered, cost-effective health care to Los Angeles County residents through direct services at LAC-DHS facilities and through collaboration with community and university partners. Through its integrated system of 19 health centers, four hospitals and expanded network of community partner clinics, LAC-DHS cares for 670,000 unique patients.

LAC-DHS provides a range of ambulatory care services from patient-centered medical homes to children, adolescents, adults and the elderly. They also offer specialized care to youth in the juvenile justice system and specialized medical services for children in foster care to older adults. LAC-DHS is also integrated with the LA County Department of Mental Health and Public Health. Through academic affiliations with the University of Southern California and the University of California, Los Angeles, LAC-DHS hospitals are training sites for physicians completing their graduate medical education.

AIDS Education and Training Center at USC

The AETC is housed in the Department of Family Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine at USC, since its creation in 1988. Early in the HIV epidemic the AETC developed innovative programs and approaches to educating and training physicians and other healthcare professionals to prevent the spread of the disease, identify, test, and manage individuals living with HIV and AIDS. The first clinical training program for community providers and residents in the U.S. was established in September of 1988.

In 2000, recognizing an increasing need for well-trained HIV providers, AETC developed one of the first HIV fellowships in the United States. This 12-month fellowship accepted recent graduates from family and internal medicine residencies who had a passion for HIV medicine, primary care, and a desire to practice in underserved communities hardest hit by the HIV epidemic. This LAC+USC Medical Center based HIV clinical fellowship was unique in that it also included experiences in several community and academic settings. In 2010 the only HIV Corrections fellowship in the United States was established, in partnership with the LA County Sheriff’s Department, which operates the largest jail system in the world.

The AETC HIV Fellowship Program graduated its first fellow in 2001 and its 17th in 2016. All former fellows are providing HIV care in underserved communities in California and other states hardest hit by HIV. Many former fellows have advanced into leadership positions, including receiving academic appointments.

ViiV Health Care

The vision for this two-year fellowship along with financial underwriting are provided through the generous support of ViiV Healthcare. ViiV is a global specialist HIV company dedicated to delivering advances in treatment and care for people living with HIV. With its dedicated staff of over 700 people located in 15 countries and three regional hubs ViiV is able to extend its geographical reach through extensive relationships throughout the pharmaceutical community. ViiV is equipped to move quickly in response to the needs of the HIV community and has launched industry-leading access initiatives to help deliver on World Health Organization (WHO)/UNAIDS goals to reach all those who need treatment.

LA BioMed

The administrative support partner for this fellowship. LA BioMed is a non-profit scientific research organization dedicated to saving lives not only in the greater Los Angeles metro area, but throughout the world. The organization is located on the LAC-DHS Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Campus and affiliated with the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.